

St. Louis District Office

2009 Small Business Week Award Winners

Small Business Team – District and State Winner

Russell Odegard and E. Michael Pruett, Managing Partners DynaLabs, LLC

Russell Odegard and E. Michael Pruett opened their business in November, 2003. DynaLabs is a state of the art analytical laboratory specifically designed to meet the unique regulatory needs of the compounding pharmacist. DynaLabs' patented business process has increased the efficiencies in two industries, Analytical Testing and Compounding Pharmacy, simultaneously driving testing costs down and patient care up.



SBA Young Entrepreneur – District Winner

Karen Banks, Chief Executive Officer/Senior Planner Details, Details, Details!, Inc.

Karen Banks is Chief Executive Officer of Details, Details, Details!, Inc., an event planning business which she started in 2003 to assist brides with planning the wedding of their dreams. Today, the business has expanded to include event planning for corporate functions such as meetings, seminars, and social gatherings as well as event planning for non-profit organizations. Details, Details! also offers equipment rentals and facility rentals in the newly acquired office space.



Women in Business Champion – District Winner

Annetta M. Vickers, President T.A.B. Company, Inc.

Annetta M. Vickers is the founder and president of T.A.B. Company, Inc. She actively advocates and mentors other women, minorities and students through her business and personal affiliations. She serves on several women's advisory councils whose organizations advocate on behalf of women and minorities in business to strengthen their sphere of influence in the legislative process of our local, state and national government to help create economic opportunities and build bridges and alliances with other small business organizations, major corporations and educational institutions.



<u>Veteran Small Business Champion – District and Region VII Winner</u> <u>Darcella Craven, Executive Director</u> <u>St. Louis Veterans Business Resource Center</u>

Darcella Craven serves as the Business Development Coordinator for the St. Louis Veterans Business Resource Center. She is an enthusiastic advocate for veterans, Guard and Reserve members, and active duty personnel who wish to start a small business or who currently operate a small business. She also provides business education, counseling and mentoring and referral services.



Small Business Journalist - District and Region VII Winner

Susan Wilson Solovic, Chief Executive Officer SBTV.com

Susan Wilson Solovic is CEO of SBTV.com – Small Business Television, the only video news and information destination site for America's 25 million small businesses. SBTV.com provides small business owners with the tools they need to manage, grow and protect their ventures by producing a daily news broadcast for small business, and video, audio and text articles created by experienced business journalists and leading small business experts. SBTV.com's SmallBizCentral provides a virtual marketplace for small business owners and experts to come together to network and share knowledge and expertise.



<u>Minority Small Business Champion – District, Region VII and National Winner</u>

Eddie G. Davis, Director, CAAAB St. Louis Black Leadership Roundtable

Eddie G. Davis is Director of the Center for the Acceleration of African American Business (CAAAB), an initiative of the St. Louis Black Leadership Roundtable. He tirelessly volunteers beyond his business and professional life to advance minority and women small business interests within St. Louis, the State of Missouri and nationwide.



<u>Home-Based Business Champion – District Winner</u>

Jeannine Clontz, President Accurate Business Services

Jeannine Clontz is President of Accurate Business Services. She is an avid volunteer and mentor focusing on helping small and home-based businesses exceed expectations and grow their business. She volunteers her time to speak internationally and teach online classes. She has also authored a book on how to start a home-based business.



<u>Financial Services Champion – District and Region VII Winner</u> Stephen R. Callow, Senior Vice President and Regional Small Business Banking Manager Southwest Bank, an M&I Bank

Stephen R. Callow is a Senior Vice President and the Regional Small Business Banking Manager for Southwest Bank, an M&I Bank. He currently manages a staff of twenty-five employees whose focus it is to assist small businesses and their owners with their business and personal banking needs.

